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(c) Government have no information.
(d) A resolution was passed to this effect but on the 17th February 1930.
(e) The Taluk Board has itself admitted the existence of serious party factions hampering its administration.
(f) No.
(g) No. Government do not consider any investigation by the Inspector was called for in the case.
(h) The Government do not receive or review administration reports from Taluk Boards. No specific fault has been noticed in audit.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" With reference to the answer to clause (b) of the question may I know when the matter was brought to the notice of the Government ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I think about December 1929."

Proposed dissolution of the Gobichettipalayam Taluk Board.

* 1780 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have sent a Memorandum to the Gobichettipalayam Taluk Board, asking them to show cause why the said Board should not be dissolved ;

(b) what are the reasons for which the said proceeding was taken ;

(c) whether the Government received any allegations against the said Board regarding its competency or its failure to discharge its function and from whom and whether a copy of the same will be placed on the table of the House ;

(d) whether the Inspector of Local Boards and Municipalities was sent to Gobichettipalayam or was asked to make an impartial enquiry regarding those allegations ; and

(e) if not, why the usual practice of making impartial preliminary official investigations in matters of this nature has been departed from in this case ?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to the question No. 1779.

Education

Abolition of the post of Special Officer for Mappilla education.

* 1781 Q.—Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur. Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the post of Special Officer for Mappilla education in Malabar has been abolished ; and

(b) whether Mr. Hamid Khan, the present District Educational Officer of South Malabar, or any other officer of the Education Department, reported that the continuance of such a post is quite necessary for popularizing and spreading education among the Mappillas ?

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A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur :—" With regard to answer to clause (*b*) will Government call for the information ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I shall ask the Director of Public Instruction about it. But I fear the name of the present District Educational Officer is not Abdul Hamid Khan, but Mr. Abdul Hamid Sahib. " (Laughter.)

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur :—" May I know whether the District Educational Officer reported that the post of a special officer is necessary for popularising education among the Mappillas ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I shall cause an inquiry to be made by the Director of Public Instruction."

Introduction of a common course of study in elementary and secondary schools.

* 1782 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state the steps taken so far, for the introduction of a common course of study for the two classes of institutions—standards I to V of elementary schools and classes I to V of secondary schools ?

A.—The Government have called for the information.

Modification of the course of study in higher elementary schools.

* 1783 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state the steps, if any, taken up-to-date to make the course of study in higher elementary schools distinct from that in middle schools and adapt it to suit the needs of the class of pupils who will attend them ?

A.—The Government have called for the information.

Instruction in gardening and horticulture to teachers of elementary and middle schools.

* 1784 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state the measures, if any, taken to give a short course of instruction in gardening and horticulture to the teachers of elementary and middle schools and the proposals, if any, submitted by the Director of Public Instruction in the matter ?

A.—Proposals for giving instruction in gardening to teachers in higher elementary and middle schools are under consideration.

Alleged irregular payment of teachers' allowances in Kurnool district.

* 1785 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are making any allotment to the District Board, Kurnool, or to any of the taluk boards under it for schools maintained by them at Rs. 19 per teacher for his pay and Rs. 2 towards an additional allowance, and if not at those rates, at what other rates ; and